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SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF ADANA MAYOR

RER: ANKARA 3544

SUMMARY: ON EVENING 30 JUNE ADANA MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR WERE SHOT AND CRITICALLY WOUNDED BY WELL KNOWN ADANA TOUGH GUY. IN OUR VIEW THIS SHOOTING NOT LINKED IN ANY WAY TO RECENT SERIES OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS ROCKING TURKEY. INDEED, ON BASIS OF FACTS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IT APPEARS HAVE NO NATIONAL POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF ANY KIND. END SUMMARY.

1. ADANA MAYOR EGE BAGATUR (RPP) AND HIS DEPUTY AHMET ALBAY WERE SHOT AND WOUNDED BY WELL KNOWN TOUGH GUY SULEYMAN SIRRI PRODAN

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ON EVENING OF 30 JUNE, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH COUNCIL DECIDED ANNUL RENT CONTRACT ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY CONTAINING RESTAURANT AND CAFETERIA OPERATED BY PRODAN. COUNCIL DECIDED LAND IN QUESTION SHOULD BECOME A PUBLIC PARK, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY PLAN. NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT AS SOON AS MEETING WAS OVER, PRODAN, WHO HAD BEEN LISTENING TO DISCUSSION FROM VANTAGE POINT IN LOBBY OF CITY HALL, DREW TWO GUNS AND FIRED FOUR SHOTS AT MAYOR AND THREE AT DEPUTY MAYOR. BOTH WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AND UNCLASSIFIED

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TAKEN TO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL WHERE THEIR CONDITIONS WERE DESCRIBED

AS CRITICAL. PAPERS REPORT THAT A HUGH CROWN GATHERED AT THE HOSPITAL,MANY WAITING IN LINE TO DONATE BLOOD.

2. PRODAN, WHO HAS SPENT MOST HIS LIFE IN PRISON WHERE HE REPORT-EDLY KILLED TWO INMATES, ESCAPED BY TAXI, BUT POLICE OFFICIALS SAID THEY CAN PICK HIM UP AT ANYTIME.

3. WE SEE NO LINK WHATSOEVER BETWEEN THIS AND OTHER INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE RECENTLY ROCKING TURKEY, NOR DO WE BELIEVE THAT ANY NATIONAL POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF ANY KIND CAN BE READ INTO IT.

4. FOR ANKARA: EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT ACCORDING TO REFTEL MAYOR BEGATUR ONE OF FOUR MAYORS NOMINATED TO ATTEND A SIX-WEEK OBSERVATION TOUR UNDER AIDREP/GOT TRAINING PROGRAM IN FALL OF THIS YEAR.

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